

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTES FOR OCTOBER 2017



Sunday, October 1

“Hope On a Tightrope”

Worship Associate

Reverend Hafidha F. Saadiqah

Sierra Webb

Karl Wallenda, the father of the famous family once said, “Life is on the wire, the rest is just waiting.” I’m not exactly sure of the context in which he uttered these words, nor his intent, but he seems to be echoing what all of us know instinctively – living, staying alive, loving, is a high wire act. In this sermon, I hope to explore how we train for endurance - hope against hope - when the odds of success is against you.

Music Notes: John Pettigrew will perform his own piano compositions, selected as music for today’s service.

Sunday, October 8

“White Supremacy Teach-in 2”

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

Joe Moran

Last April 30, we took part in a Unitarian Universalist Association-wide White Supremacy Teach-In. The call has gone out for a second one, to continue our awareness of and learning more about systemic racism. We will have some social justice-oriented church for our second teach-in.

Music Notes: Gathering will sing “A Change Is Gonna Come” by Sam Cooke for the anthem. Members of both The Gathering and the Chalice Choir will lead the congregation in “Heal the World” by Michael Jackson for the Postlude.

Sunday, October 15

“The Other Side”

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

Sierra Webb

Unitarian Universalists have differing views about death. There is no dogmatic position about an afterlife; our attitudes range from death being attainment of paradise to when you’re deceased, your existence ceases. This sermon will look at thoughts of death, including the work of some psychics who have made claims of communicating with the dead.

Music Notes: The mostly modern music for today’s service is meant to transport us to other dimensions. The Chalice Choir will sing “Leave No Song Unsung” by Linda Spevacek-Avery.

Sunday, October 22

“Halloween!”

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

Lynn Lyle

We’ll have an early observance of Halloween. Not too frightening, but tying Unitarian Universalism to what’s become a popular holiday.

Music Notes: The week before Halloween, be prepared for some holiday music of the supernatural kind! There are so many good music choices that we haven’t narrowed down yet. Just come and enjoy, it will be loads of fun.

Sunday, October 29

“Reformation 500”

Worship Associate

Reverend Tim Barger

Sierra Webb

Half a century ago, Martin Luther challenged the Catholic Church, which started the Protestant Reformation. We’ll see what Luther was doing, and where our Unitarians were at the time.

Music Notes: In marking the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, on October 29 the Chalice Choir will sing “O Sing Unto the Lord” by Hans Leo Hassler. Music will feature a Woodwind Quartet performance by Kelly Hill Kretzer, flute; Michael Leeds, bassoon; Lesli McCage Simmons, clarinet, and Bonnie Rowe, oboe.



Reverend Tim Barger

As we move in to October, there’s much for us to do in building our congregation. Looking outside and inviting people to explore our Unitarian Universalism is always a recommendation. We also need some internal work; some of our committees need to be strengthened, and new ones are being formed. Though it’s not spelled out in the bylaws, the hope is that church members give in volunteer energy as well as financially. If there’s a group you’d like to join, or an area in which you think you could make a difference, please speak up and sign up. See Rev. Tim or a board member for more information.

As we begin our decade year of being in our church building on Glendale, let’s take the opportunity to examine the interior real estate--our land use within our brick and mortar walls. Are the rooms and activities matched well? How about use of storage space, and what can be stored at the church? Might offices be moved around? Do the classrooms serve the needs of the students and teachers? What changes and moves might be made? On Saturday, Oct. 21, from 11 am to 2 pm (if that much time is needed), we’ll have a meeting to talk about how we use the building--what might be repurposed now, and changes that might involve the next capital campaign. Please share your experiences of Committee, class, choir, and other activities in the building related to the rooms you use. All are invited; bring your own lunch if you’d like.

Are you ready to volunteer some skills to the church—whether you already have them or will be learning by doing? We need to revitalize some committees and form others. Of particular need are information technology people to help with our computer issues including our presence on the web; an audiovisual crew to set up and operate the sound system, projector, and perform other AV-related tasks for the Sunday service and for other activities including Spiritual Adventures and regular movie nights that are being planned (this includes making recommendations for system upgrades, including buying a new projector and eventually improving the sound setup); a service-planning group to help us form, collect, and make weekly PowerPoints from a library of images, including song lyrics and other parts of our Sunday program, as well as art to be shown on our big screen; and people to help with our annual stewardship drive. If you have ideas for other ways you can contribute as a volunteer, let us know. If you’re interested in signing up, contact Rev. Tim, a board member, or a member of the Compass/Hospitality and Membership Committee. Your Minister, Reverend Tim



Terry McCauley, Board President

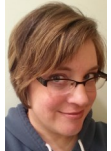
October is a month of change, beautiful change. Trees and foliage proudly display their vibrant, spectacular colors. What about you? Do you display your vibrant, spectacular colors by being involved and engaged?

There are many opportunities for you not only this month but throughout the year. Spiritual Adventures has many outstanding programs lined up for this year. Perhaps you could help them. The RE program needs some help, will you step up? The kitchen could use some help too. Maybe you could be an usher/greeter.

There are many ways for you to benefit your church as well as many ways for you to enhance your spirituality by connecting with your fellow First Unitarians. Strive to live out our church’s covenant and the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism.

This we believe will “Foster spiritual growth and compassionate action.” Join us as we strive to be “A vibrant spiritual community that achieves growth, visibility, and relevance.”

In Fellowship, Terry McCauley



Nicole Jonsson, Religious Educator

Younger UU religious education is in full swing on October 1st. I'm excited to say we will start every Sunday in the sanctuary, worshipping together. After an all ages story, younger UU's will take their leave for age-segregated learning or a social justice project. We thank you in advance for your patience as we try to smooth out the "five minutes of chaos" during dismissal. In Fellowship, Nicole Jonsson

BLANKET MAKING

There will be a LFH blanket-making workshop Wednesday, October 25th at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

FIBER GROUP

A knitting, spinning, crocheting, and all things with fibers group will be re-starting October 7th. Join us the first Saturday of each month in the Capek Room from 11am - 4pm. Bring finger foods to share and provide your own drinks. Please use side door. Questions? Contact cloganmerc@yaho.com

SPECIAL EVENT

Join us for a lecture on Human Trafficking in Northwest Ohio with Dr. Celia Williamson, Executive Director, Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, University of Toledo. She founded the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition and Second Chance, the first anti-trafficking organization in Ohio, which provided comprehensive services to survivors of sex trafficking and prostitution. She organizes the largest scholarly, anti-trafficking conference in Toledo each year, the International Human Trafficking, Prostitution, and Sex Work Conference. She is a leading scholar in her field. Box lunches will be provided for those who request in advance. Sign up for lunch in Fellowship Hall or by email: saspieg@yahoo.com.

EVERY VOICE SACRED SONG CIRCLE

Lift Every Voice and Sing will be held in the church entryway on Sunday, October 29 at 1:30. Please join us.

SPECIAL EVENT

Join us for a DACA Event on Oct 5, 2017 at 7-8:30 in the Sanctuary. There will be several presentations from immigration specialists.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 90th birthday, Barbara Crosswell! May you have many more!



2017 at First Unitarian Church of Toledo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Styrofoam Collection 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's Choir 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour - VOTE 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	2	3 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:00 pm Toledo Area Weavers Guild 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	4 9:30 am Compass Meeting - Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Facing Death with Life 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	5 7:00 pm DACA event 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 pm First Friday Book Club	7 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 11:00 am Knitting/Craft group
8 Columbus Day 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's Choir 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 12:15 pm SA Human Trafficking Program 12:15 pm Social Justice Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Meditation - Off site 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	9	10 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 6:00 pm The Gathering Planning Mtg - off site 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice	11 6:30 pm Facing Death with Life 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	12 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	13 9:30 am Knit Wits - Fellowship Hall	14 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 12:30 Compass Meet and Greet
15 9:45 am Nursery Open 10:00 am Spiritual Adventures 10:00 am Children's Choir 11:00 am Children's RE 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 8:00pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA	16 9:00 am UU Breakfast (Reynolds Rd Garden Café)	17 12:00 pm Big Book Noon Group AA Meeting 7:00 pm Leadership Dev Meeting 7:30 pm The Gathering Practice Sanctuary	18 6:30 pm Facing Death with Life 8:00 pm Live and Let Live LGBT AA Group	19 12:00 pm Level 1 Food Safety class 7:30 pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal	20 6:30 pm Dining for Women <div style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</div>	21 10:00 am Women's Slice of Serenity AA Group 10:00 am RE Council Mtg 11:00 am Interior Real Estate Meeting
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MEDITATION GROUP

We invite you to join us at 5:30 pm on Sundays, October 8th and October 22, at the Alzheimer's Association building at 2500 N. Reynolds Road. We will enjoy guided meditation, sit or walk quietly, and share tea and conversation. Explorers, beginners and experienced practitioners: all are welcome and each of us benefits from the energy of others. Meditation helps us to be more present for all that life has to offer. Thich Nhat Hanh reminds us, "Our true happiness comes from being fully conscious in the present moment, aware of our connection to everything else in the universe." Contact Karen at kbchristie@bex.net with any questions.

HURRICANE SEASON

The Gulf Coast has been hit by two hurricanes.. The national Unitarian Universalist Association is collecting money to help with emergency services. Half of the money collected will go to Unitarian Universalist congregations in Texas and Florida. The other half will go direct to high risk groups that are outside of our churches. Online contributions can be made to <https://giving.uua.org/harvey-floods>. Checks can be sent direct to the national Unitarian Universalist offices in Boston. Address: Unitarian Universalist Association, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210. Checks should be marked: "Hurricanes Irma and Harvey."

MINI FOOD PANTRY

Our church, led by the Social Justice Committee, will stock a mini food pantry in front of the church for any and all to make use of. If you would like to contribute, please put your non-perishable food items in the box. Note the expiration date on the items--**no expired items may be given**. Thank you for helping with this wonderful community involvement.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

November 11 and 12 will be our annual Holiday Bazaar. Watch the UU-FYI for more information. We are now accepting applications for vendors for the 2017 Holiday Bazaar. Please complete the attached form at the link below if you would like to sell your hand-made arts and crafts November 11th and 12th. <https://uutoledo.wufoo.com/forms/rtgzpdw1ke72xm/>

SPECIAL SERVICE

A local Service of Universal Worship will be held October 29, at 7PM, at First Unitarian. It will be led by Judy Lee Trautman and Sara Tarana Jobin, as well as readers and musicians from the traditions included. All are welcome. We are offering it locally as an opportunity to be in prayer or meditation with diverse faiths without sacrificing our own traditions.

COFFEE HOUR

During bake sale season, donations for coffee hour are as follows: the first Sunday, A-I, the second Sunday, Youth Bake Sale, the third Sunday J-Q, the fourth Sunday is potluck, please everyone bring a dish to share, the fifth Sunday is R-Z. Sign up to bring something or to help in the kitchen. Thank you! Questions? Contact cloganmercer@yahoo.com

FREE TRAINING!

To The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department offers a ServSafe® class for all those who volunteer in the kitchen. You will receive a certificate after completing the class. We have scheduled a class to be held here at church in Fellowship Hall on Thursday October 19th from 12 PM to 3 PM. If you volunteer at church or other places where you serve the public, please plan to attend this very worthwhile and informative class. It will be open to the first twenty-five people at no charge. You must sign up prior to October 18th to receive your certificate. Call or email the office to sign up. Office@uutoledo.org

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Happy First Unitarian's annual All Hallow's Eve celebration, Trunk or Treat, will take place in the church parking lot on October 28th fom 4-6pm. There will be awards for best trunk and children's costume. A few volunteers will be needed for this event. Please contact Thatcher or Lauren Goetz about volunteering if you are interested.

COMPASS

Your Compass hospitality and membership committee will host a "Meet & Greet" session October 14. Please join us at 12:30 in the Youth classroom if you would like to meet other local Unitarians or learn more about our congregation. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. This informal meeting is open to everyone interested in making new connections within the congregation.

FOOD COLLECTION

The Beverly Cluster is not doing a south end neighborhood collection for Feed Your Neighbor this year, but the need remains, especially with colder weather coming - more people in need as they pay for heat and other extra expenses of winter. The Social Justice Committee is proposing that we do a collection during the month of October within our congregation for the FYN center near us in the old south end. Bring an item (or 2 or 3) each Sunday in October to be delivered to the center as the bin in the east entryway fills up. Non-perishable items, not out of date.